

Committee on Public Safety

*Councillor Maureen T. Carney, Chair
Councillor Jesse M. Adams
Councillor William H. Dwight
Councillor David A. Murphy*

**Committee on Public Safety
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building
212 Main Street, Northampton, MA**

December 1, 2014

Meeting Minutes

1. Activate NCTV Camera To Record Meeting
- 1.1. Announcement Of Audio/Video Recording Of Meeting

Councillor Carney called the meeting to order @ 5:03 pm and announced that the meeting would be video taped.

2. Members Present/Absent

Members present: Councillor Maureen Carney, Councillor David Murphy

Members Absent: Councillor Jesse Adams, Councillor William Dwight

3. Public Comment
- None
4. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

- 4.1. Minutes From The Committee On Public Safety Meeting Of Oct. 6, 2014

Without a quorum, no vote was taken to accept the meeting minutes of the previous meeting. The vote will be taken at the meeting in January.

5. Departmental Presentations
- 5.1. Building Department Presentation

Commissioner Hasbrouck indicated that "Outdoor Lighting" is a hot topic right now, especially since there is currently a Zoning Ordinance under consideration addressing this issue. The department has received a lot of complaints recently; one of the issues is that zoning can't regulate existing structures. If a light is non-compliant with a revised ordinance, then there is nothing that can be done with a zoning ordinance. Perhaps the introduction of an Ordinance that is not Zoning would be enforceable.

Regarding Permits Issued between July and Nov. 2014, the department has issued 1,649 permits for a total of \$239,724.77 in permit fees collected.

New building developments in Northampton and Williamsburg was discussed.

- #65 Paradise Road has just been approved to be demolished.
- New construction @ Smith College was reviewed.
- New housing construction on Fruit St. was reviewed.

Winter preparations have begun and are in place to monitor how much snow is on the roof. Snow storage will still be done @ the former Honda Dealership location on King St.

6. New Business

None

7. Adjourn

Councillor Murphy motioned to adjourn at 5:31 pm; Councillor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 2 Yes, 0 No.

Respectfully submitted by: Pamela L. Powers

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